

Speaker, I hope the surviving members of the 359 sailors who served on the U.S.S. *Daly* recognize just what they accomplished, and that those who can't be with us are remembered along with their comrades as what they are, American heroes.

Speaking of some of their feats, let me tell you a brief bit of the history behind the U.S.S. *Daly*. She was launched almost 55 years ago to the day, on October 24, 1942. And as a former Marine myself, I'm pleased to tell you that she was named after Sgt. Maj. Daniel Daly of the U.S. Marine Corps, from my home State of New York. He received, get this, not one but two Congressional Medals of Honor through his tours of duty in more than four distinct conflicts, including in China during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900 and in France during World War I.

Mr. Speaker, it was in Sergeant Major Daly's distinguished memory and record of valor and bravery that the crew of his namesake, the U.S.S. *Daly*, served. I can tell you this, they did him proud. There were a party to more than 15 distinct assaults, bombardments and occupations, including such daunting missions as at Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and the final occupation and evacuation of Allied prisoners of war from Nagasaki, Japan, before pointing her bow homeward bound on the 17th of November 1945. She had made two separate tours from the States during the war and had performed admirably. But mostly, Mr. Speaker, the crewmen did her proud and did America proud. In the course of their time at war, the U.S.S. *Daly* was responsible for eliminating 23 enemy bombardiers, 3 enemy ships, and 10 enemy planes.

Mr. Speaker, as those who put their lives on the line far away from home in strange waters aboard the U.S.S. *Daly* prepare to gather together again, I ask that you and all Members of Congress join with me in tribute to their tremendous service and sacrifice. They exemplify the spirit of patriotism, bravery, and volunteerism that helped make this country the greatest on Earth and put us in a position we enjoy today. By that measure, each and every one of them are truly great Americans. May our thoughts, best wishes and most importantly, our thanks, be with them this Sunday as always.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF  
STERLING PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 29, 1997*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the most difficult and admirable public service is that which is closest to the people that one serves. While the office may be open only during part of the day, there are those frequent meetings with citizens at church, at school, at shopping centers, or at sporting events. People who serve in these posts are to be admired, and this weekend, the people of the charter township of Monitor will be recognizing 25 years of devoted public service from their treasurer, William Kramer.

Elected in November, 1972, he has served continuously ever since. He has instituted pro-

fessional recordkeeping in the treasurer's office, making sure that every dollar received or spent can meet a very demanding accounting. One of his most notable accomplishments is his work in the expansion of water and sewer service within the township. This was a most important undertaking, which required foresight and skilled management in order to make sure that this necessary project was implemented as frugally as possible.

Bill has been able to maintain this post based on the simple fact that he is very responsive to the people of the community. He is known for his most helpful nature. He has always had a most positive manner of directing people to those officials who could help in those cases where the matter wasn't his immediate responsibility. As we all should know, when a constituent calls for assistance, it is our job to provide them with information which lead to their problem being solved. Those officials who simply prefer to say "that's not my responsibility" soon find out that their bureaucratic narrow-mindedness cost them their position of responsibility.

Of course, Bill Kramer's careful management of money is no surprise to anyone who knows that for 35 years, up until 1977, he was a life insurance agent, who was a recognized sales achiever for many of his years. He learned early on the attention that people required when one deals with matters of finance, and he successfully carried forward that professional training as treasurer of Monitor Township.

At the same time, he also served his community as an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, where he served as chairman of the congregation for several years.

Mr. Speaker, public service done well is a model for all of us, and is an inspiration for those who may follow in years to come. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in congratulating Bill Kramer on his 25 years of service, and in wishing him the very best for the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATHAN L.  
HILL'S OUTSTANDING SERVICE  
TO ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT

**HON. BOB RILEY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 29, 1997*

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Alabama's finest, Nathan L. Hill. Today, Mr. Hill will receive the Department of Defense Civilian Service Award, which is presented annually by the Secretary of Defense to a small number of civilian employees whose careers reflect exceptional devotion to duty and extremely significant contributions of broad scope in scientific, technical, or administrative fields of endeavor that have led to increased effectiveness in the operation of the Department of Defense. Mr. Hill has been honored with the presentation of this award for his outstanding service to both his country and to Anniston Army Depot [AAD], located in Anniston, AL.

Mr. Hill, the only civilian employee within the Industrial Operations Command of the Army,

has devoted over 30 years of his life to ensuring the security of our Nation. Mr. Hill began his service career as an enlistee in the Air Force in 1961. In August 1963, he was honorably discharged from the Air Force, and subsequently enrolled at Jacksonville State University. After receiving his undergraduate degree in accounting, Mr. Hill began working as an accountant for the Army Audit Agency in August 1967. Within 2 years, he was promoted to a GS-11 supervisor, which began his career of dedicated public service. For the next 6 years he held a variety of financial management positions culminating in his appointment as Anniston Deputy Comptroller, GS-13, in August 1975.

Nathan Hill's outstanding service to the depot has been marked by continued advancement through the ranks. His keen insight and understanding have made AAD the National Technical Center of Excellence for track and combat vehicles. Nathan Hill's innovative ideas, including partnership programs with the private sector to provide the military with state-of-the-art military hardware, will enable the depot to be at the forefront of the military as the new millennia approaches. This plan will allow for increased flexibility to pursue public-private partnerships and competitive smart-sourcing of depot maintenance. These partnering arrangements have been so successful at AAD that the U.S. Congress has adopted this model of public/private partnering for the remaining depots in this year's fiscal year 1998 defense authorization bill.

Mr. Hill's commitment to AAD extends beyond his official duties. He has spearheaded efforts to increase education for women and minorities in the area of electronics so that these individuals might qualify for better, higher paying jobs. Nathan Hill sits on the Equal Employment Opportunity Action Committee and he is active with the local lodge of the American Federation of Government Employees.

In addition to the role that Nathan Hill has assumed at Anniston Army Depot, he is also active throughout the community. Mr. Hill sits on the board of governors at Harry M. Ayers State Technical Colleges, he is a member of the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, the Salvation Army and the Exchange Club. He is active in his church, holding both the position of lay leader and chairman of the Council of Ministries at First United Methodist Church.

The accomplishments that Nathan Hill has achieved are unparalleled. Col. Jerry J. Warnement's, who recently retired as AAD's commanding officer, wrote, "To say that Mr. Hill is an invaluable asset to the depot, the Army and Department of Defense would be an understatement. His professionalism, devotion to duty, knowledge and expertise are exemplary and rare commodities in today's fast paced and rapidly changing environment. A more deserving individual for this prestigious award would be hard to find!"

I know that everyone who has met Nathan Hill shares this opinion. Few individuals have devoted and given as much to their country and its military as Mr. Hill. The bestowment of the Department of Defense Civilian Service Award is but a small token of the recognition the Nathan Hill deserves. His actions and commitment to his country are without peer, and I am proud to say congratulations.